

**THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 94 of 1979**

\*\*\*\*\* 388.1702d.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016 \*\*\*\*\*

**388.1702d.amended School data analytical tools.**

Sec. 102d. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for 2016-2017 for reimbursements to districts and intermediate districts for the licensing of school data analytical tools as described under this section. The reimbursement is for districts and intermediate districts that choose to use a school data analytical tool to assist the district or intermediate district and that enter into a licensing agreement for a school data analytical tool with 1 of the vendors approved by the department of technology, management, and budget under subsection (2). Funds allocated under this section are intended to provide districts and intermediate districts with financial forecasting and transparency reporting tools to help improve the financial health of districts and to improve communication with the public, resulting in increased fund balances for districts and intermediate districts.

(2) Not later than October 15, 2016, the department of technology, management, and budget shall review vendors for school data analytical tools and provide districts and intermediate districts with a list of up to 2 approved vendors that districts and intermediate districts may use to be eligible for a reimbursement paid under this section. In addition, a vendor approved under this section for 2015-2016 is considered to be approved for use by a district or intermediate district and for reimbursement for 2016-2017. An approved school data analytical tool supplied by the vendor must meet at least all of the following:

- (a) Analyzes financial data.
- (b) Analyzes academic data.
- (c) Provides early warning indicators of financial stress.
- (d) Has the capability to provide peer district comparisons of both financial and academic data.
- (e) Has the capability to provide financial projections for at least 3 subsequent fiscal years.

(3) Funds allocated under this section shall be paid to districts and intermediate districts as a reimbursement for already having a licensing agreement or for entering into a licensing agreement not later than December 1, 2016 with a vendor approved under subsection (2) to implement a school data analytical tool. Reimbursement will be prorated for the portion of the state fiscal year not covered by the licensing agreement. However, a licensing agreement that takes effect after October 1, 2016 and before December 1, 2016 will not be prorated if the term of the agreement is at least 1 year. Reimbursement under this section shall be made as follows:

(a) All districts and intermediate districts seeking reimbursement shall submit requests not later than December 1, 2016 indicating the cost paid for the financial data analytical tool.

(b) The department shall determine the sum of the funding requests under subdivision (a) and, if there are sufficient funds, shall pay 1/2 of the costs submitted under subdivision (a). If there are insufficient funds to pay 1/2 of the costs submitted under (a), then reimbursement shall be made on an equal percentage basis.

(c) Funds remaining after the calculation and payment under subdivision (b) shall be distributed on an equal per-pupil basis, with an intermediate district's pupils considered to be the sum of the pupil memberships of the constituent districts for which the intermediate district is purchasing the financial data analytical tool.

(d) The reimbursement to a district or intermediate district shall not be greater than the amount paid for a data analytics application.

(e) A district or intermediate district shall not be reimbursed for the purchase of more than 1 software application.

(4) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments under this section shall be made on a schedule determined by the department.

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